Dealers of IBP Company

†2367. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of dealers of IBP Company who have applied for the partnership by the 15th November, 2001 :

(b) the number of cases in which decision has been taken to enter the partnership during the last two years and the number of cases still pending ; and

(c) by when cases regarding entering of partnership in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and all over India will be disposed off ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) :

(a) to (c) The IBP Co. Limited have received 133 applications for re-constitution from their dealers all over India during the period April, 1999-15th November, 2001. During the aforesaid period, 111 proposals which were found eligible as per the laid down policy of the Government, have been approved by the Company.

Illegal bottling plants

2368. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether "with —illegal bottling of LPG cylinders in North-India, which is estimated to be in the range of Rs. 100 crore, Delhi is sitting on a keg of potential disaster" as reported in the Times of India, dated the 9th August, 2001;

(b) whether these illegally manufactured cylinders are brought to the capital from areas like Meerut and Ghaziabad despite the Central Government banning manufacture and sale of such hazardous cylinders ; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures Government propose to take to stop manufacturing of these spurious and sub-standard cylinders which are threat to life and safety of public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil

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